

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JEFF ESSMANN, on January 9, 2009 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 12, 1/2/2009; SB 23, 1/2/2009;
SB 37, 1/2/2009

Executive Action:

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PRESENTATION

00:00:28 Shonda McHugh, Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tas05a01)

EXHIBIT(tas05a02)

00:15:10 Sen. Brown

00:16:00 Shonda McHugh

00:16:27 Dan Dodds, DOR

00:17:29 Sen. Erickson

00:18:01 Shonda McHugh

00:19:15 Sen. Gillan

00:20:16 Brian Olsen, Individual Income Tax Specialist, DOR

00:24:19 Sen. Gebhardt

00:24:30 Brian Olsen

00:24:48 Chairman Essmann

00:25:00 Brian Olsen

00:25:25 Dan Dodds

00:39:23 Sen. Story

00:40:41 Dan Dodds

00:45:24 Sen. Tutvedt

00:45:34 Dan Dodds

00:47:23 Sen. Story

00:47:52 Dan Dodds

00:48:54 Sen. Gebhardt

00:49:13 Dan Dodds

00:54:59 Sen. Story

00:55:08 Dan Dodds

01:02:59 Sen. Story

01:03:50 Dan Dodds

01:05:43 Sen. Erickson

01:07:08 Sen. Kaufmann

01:07:36 Dan Dodds

01:10:05 Sen. Black

01:10:18 Dan Dodds

01:12:23 Sen. Story

01:12:41 Sen. Gebhardt

01:12:59 Dan Dodds

01:16:00 Chairman Essmann

01:16:46 Recess

01:29:29 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:08 SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 12, Clarify distribution of oil and gas revenue to counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:18 William Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCC)
01:37:08 Bob Gilbert, representing Rosebud and Musselshell Counties, City of Roundup and City of Glendive
01:37:59 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland Economic District

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:41 None

Informational Testimony:

01:38:50 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:11 Sen. Story
01:40:01 William Duffield
01:40:32 Sen. Erickson
01:41:08 Sen. Story
01:41:43 William Duffield
01:43:07 Sen. Gillan
01:43:40 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:44:00 Sen. Gillan
01:45:10 Sen. Gebhardt
01:45:49 William Duffield
01:46:24 Sen. Story
01:47:08 Sen. Kaufmann
01:47:39 William Duffield
01:47:54 Sen. Hamlett
01:48:19 William Duffield
01:48:38 Sen. Story
01:48:50 Sen. Steinbeisser

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:11

01:50:17 Sen. Story
01:51:24 Chairman Essmann

HEARING ON SB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:54 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 23**, Revise revenue streams to oil, gas, and coal natural resource account.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:54:19 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

01:56:20 None

Informational Testimony:

01:56:29 William Duffield, Executive Director, MAOGCC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:32 Sen. Story

02:01:08 Marty Tuttle

02:03:13 Sen. Gebhardt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:57

HEARING ON SB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:48 **SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), SD 41**, opened the hearing on **SB 37**, Revise income tax credit for energy conservation expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:13:48 Linda Gryczan, representing National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), Butte

02:16:31 Dale Horton, Energy Manager, NCAT

02:21:01 Chris Dorsi, Saturn Resource Management, Helena

02:29:39 David Scrimm, representing self

EXHIBIT (tas05a03)

EXHIBIT (tas05a04)

EXHIBIT (tas05a05)

EXHIBIT (tas05a06)

02:39:52 Sheena Rice, MontPIRG

02:40:24 Ben Brouwer, Alternative Energy Resource Organization

02:42:01 Andy Tocke, Contractor, Helena

02:42:52 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

02:43:13 Kevin Olp, Montana Conservation Voters

02:43:27 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council, Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

02:44:15 None

Informational Testimony:

02:44:22 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:34 Sen. Gebhardt

02:45:38 Linda Gryczan

02:45:57 Sen. Kaufmann

02:46:43 Sen. Erickson

02:47:08 Sen. Kaufmann

EXHIBIT (tas05a07)

02:48:00 Sen. Hamlett

02:48:51 Sen. Tutvedt

02:49:19 Sen. Kaufmann

02:50:39 Sen. Black

02:51:02 Sen. Kaufmann

02:53:23 Chairman Essmann

02:54:42 Linda Gryczan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:55:44

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas05aad.pdf](#))